Module 1

Chapter 3

Navigating the DCPDS

Chapter Overview

Introduction

This chapter explains the basics of how to move around in (or "navigate") the DCPDS to perform your work, including common windows terminology and the menus and tools you will see displayed on the DCPDS windows.

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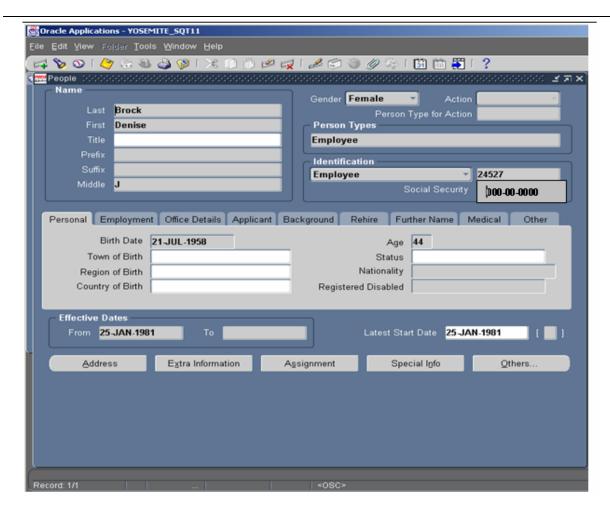
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Fundamentals: Navigating the DCPDS Mod

Windows Terminology

Purpose

The DCPDS is a "windows" application. This section describes and defines the windows terminology.



Terms

Below is a list of basic windows terms and their definitions.

Term	Definition	
Application	A computer software program. The DCPDS is an application. Another example of an application is Microsoft Word for Windows.	

Windows Terminology, Continued

Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
Button	A graphic element that initiates a predefined action when you choose it. In the examples below, the <i>button</i> with the picture of a diskette on it initiates the "save" function. • Examples:	
Check Box	A box in which you can toggle between an "on/off" or "yes/no" state for a value. Child Support Obligation Opted for Medicare	
Clipboard	A temporary storage area that holds objects (e.g., data) that you "cut" or "copy" (see <i>Main Menu Bar, Edit Menu</i> in this User Guide for more information about the cut and copy functions in the DCPDS).	
Current Record Indicator	Multi-record blocks often display a <i>current record indicator</i> to the left of each record. A <i>current record indicator</i> , when filled in, identifies a record as being the current or "active" record.	
Desktop	The screen background on your computer monitor, where you view and access all information.	

Windows Terminology, Continued

Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
Dialog Box	A window that requires you to act on its contents before continuing. Forms Do you want to save the changes you have made? Forms Cancel	
Field	Also referred to as a "data field." An area in a window that opens data or allows you to enter data. • Example: Last Test	
Flexfield	A data field that is made up of sub-fields, or segments. That is, a flexfield contains a number of data fields (or separate pieces of data) within itself. In contrast, regular information fields hold just one unit of information. (See the section on <i>Flexfields</i> in this User Guide for more information).	
Form	An organized display of data fields through which you can access and enter information to complete a business task. When you use the Navigation List on the Navigator window, you navigate to a form.	
	♦ Examples of forms:	
	 "Request for Personnel Action Appointment" "Workflow Inbox" "Position"	
	Each form opens one or more windows that link to a task flow.	
	A given window can appear in more than one form if it accomplishes a task that is part of more than one task flow.	
	A form in one responsibility may vary from the same form in another responsibility, in that certain windows or buttons may exist in one but not the other. What you see depends upon your responsibility.	

Windows Terminology, Continued

Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
Icons	Small pictures that represent various applications, files, folders, or commands. ◆ Example:	
List of Values (LOV)	A List of Values (LOV) (possible data choices) for the current data field. LOVs are available for most data fields. If a list is available, <list></list> will appear on the message line at the bottom of the window. • Example:	
	List of values Find % Title Doctor Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms. Ms. Message line Find QK Cancel	
	Choices in list: 5 Record: 1/1 List of Valu	
Message Line	A line of text that is displayed near the bottom of your window that opens hints, warnings, error information and status information about the current window or data field, such as query-mode and record-count information. Enter a query; press Ctrl+F11 to execute, F4 to cancel. Record: 1/1 Enter-Qu	

Windows Terminology, Continued

Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
Menu	A list ("menu") of choices used to perform a variety of functions. The Main Menu Bar provides menus for functions needed throughout the DCPDS (for example, to save an action or do a query). The Main Menu Bar is always in view and accessible; it is located at the top of every window. There are also "drop-down menus" that appear throughout the system, organized around specific forms, data, or functions. Elle Edit View Folder Too New Open Save Saye and Proceed Next Step Export Place on Navigator Log on as a Different User Switch Responsibility Print Close Form Exit Oracle Applications	
Resize	Restores a window to its previous size and location. Restore	
Maximize / Minimize	To Maximize or Minimize a window select a window command icon button at the top right corner of the window. You can enlarge the window to fill the entire desktop or Minimize the window which keeps it active and easily available for your use, Maximize Close window Minimize	

Windows Terminology, Continued

Terms (continued)

Term	Definition	
Navigate	Term used to describe the way users move around in the DCPDS; e.g., move from one place in the application (form, window, data field, etc.) to another. Users can navigate through the system by using the mouse or keyboard.	
Scroll Bar	The shaded bars located along a side and/or bottom of a window when the size of the window contents (document, List of Values, inbox, form, etc.) exceeds the space of the window. To scroll to another part of the item (you have open and are working with document, List of Values, inbox, form, etc.), click and drag the box or click the arrows in the scroll bar.	
Taskflow Buttons	A sequence of windows linked by buttons to take you through the steps necessary to complete a task, such as hiring a new employee.	
	Address Extra Information Assignment Special Info Others	

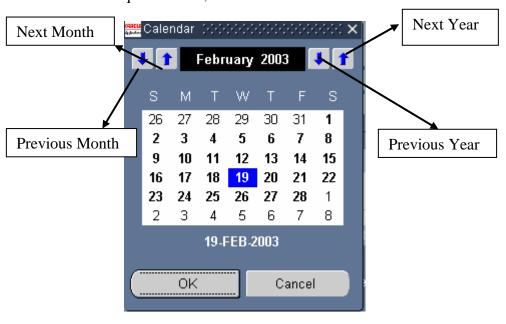
Enter Dates Using the Calendar

Purpose

To explain the steps needed to use the calendar button. The calendar feature, essentially an LOV, provides an easy way to find and enter a valid date.

Illustration

If the data field requires a date, click the calendar icon in the toolbar.



Entering a Date Using the Calendar

Step	Action	
1	Click in the applicable date data field, then:	
	Click the ellipsis at the end of the field.	
	The Calendar window opens (see illustration above). The date value that appears below the calendar is either the value already in the data field, the default value of the data field, or the current system date.	

Enter Dates Using the Calendar, Continued

Entering a Date Using the Calendar (continued)

Step		Action
2	Select the month and year you wish to enter by clicking the arrows at the top of the Calendar window until the desired month and year display:	
	To Display:	Click:
	Previous Month	Left arrow button to the left of the month display
	Next Month	Right arrow button to the left of the month display.
	Previous Year	Left arrow button to the right of the year display.
	Next Year	Right arrow button to the right of the year display.
3	Click a day button.	
	Note: Disabled buttons that show dimmed text represent invalid days, which cannot be selected.	
4	Click OK > to accept the window.	selected date and close the Calendar

New Record

Purpose

To describe the steps necessary to create a new record in the database.

Creating a New Record

Step	Action	
1	Click New Record icon on the Toolbar.	
2	Click File ∏ Save and Proceed from the Main Menu Bar	
	OR	
	 Click Save icon on the Toolbar, the record is saved to the database. 	



Notes:

- When you insert a new record in a multi-record block, the system moves the current block down and inserts a new blank row. You add a new record by filling in this row.
- When you insert a new record in a single-record block, the system opens a blank record in the current block so you can enter data for a new record.

Delete Record

Purpose

To describe the steps to delete a record from the database.

To Delete a Record

Step	Action
1	• Click Edit ∏ Delete Record from the Main Menu Bar, Then save work.
	Or Click Delete Record icon on the Toolbar, The record is now deleted from the database



Note: If you exit without saving your work, the record will not be deleted from the database.

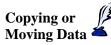
Copying and Moving Data

Purpose

To guide you through the steps to copy or move data from one data field to another.

Terms

Term	Definition
Сору	Refers to the process of making a duplicate or <i>copy</i> of data already in one data field, to then be inserted or <i>pasted</i> in another data field.
	When you use the <i>copy</i> function, the data you copy is temporarily stored on the "clipboard" until you "paste" it to another location or until you "cut" or "copy" other data.
Clipboard	A temporary storage place for data that has been <i>copied</i> or <i>cut</i> . Clipboard contents are replaced with the next "copy" or "cut" action.
Cut	Refers to the process of removing or <i>cutting</i> data from one data field, and inserting or <i>pasting</i> it in another data field. You use the cut function when you want to move data from one data field to another.
	When you use the <i>cut</i> function, the data you copy is temporarily stored on the "clipboard" until you "paste" it to another location or until you "cut" or "copy" other data.
Paste	The function of <i>pasting</i> the contents of the clipboard into the current data field.



Note: The *cut* function is only available if the data field can be updated. This is because the cut function removes data from its current location.

Copying and Moving Data, Continued

Copying or Moving Data (continued)

Step	Action				
1	Highlight the data you wish to copy or move; to do this:				
	• [Tab] to the data field (when you tab to a data field with text in it, the text is automatically highlighted and ready to copy or cut). Or				
	 Move your mouse so your cursor is to the left or right of the text you wish to copy. Click and continue to hold your mouse button down while you drag your cursor over the data, releasing the mouse button when you get to the end of the text to be copied. 				
2	To do this Do this				
	Copy the Data • Click <u>E</u> dit ∏ <u>C</u> opy from the Main Menu Bar. OR • Press [Ctrl] + c.				
	Move the Data • Click <u>E</u> dit ∏ Cut from the Main Menu Bar. OR • Press [Ctrl] + x.				
3	Click the data field where you wish to insert the copied or cut data and:				
	Click <u>E</u> dit ∏ <u>P</u> aste from the Main Menu Bar.				
	Or				
	• Press [Ctrl] + v .				
	The data opens in the current data field.				



Caution: Clipboard contents will be replaced with the next "cut" or "copy" action. To avoid losing clipboard contents (data that has been cut or copied), "paste" it to the desired location before you "cut" or "copy" other data.

Clear Data

Purpose

To describe the steps to enter data and then "erase" the data without saving it to the database by using the **Clear** function.

The data you clear is erased from the window. If the data has already been saved to the database, the clear function will not delete the data from the database.

If the data is new and has never been saved to the database, it will be lost permanently when you clear it.

Clearing Data

Use the procedures below to clear data from a data field, record, block, or form.

To Clear Data From a	From the Main Menu Bar, Click	From the Toolbar Click	Or Use Keyboard Shortcut
Data field	Edit ∏ Clear <u>F</u> ield		[Ctrl] + u
Record	Edit ∏ Clear <u>R</u> ecord	W	[Shift] + [F4]
Block	Edit ∏ Clear <u>B</u> lock		[Shift] + [F5]
Form	Edit ∏ Clear For <u>m</u>	=	[Shift] + [F7]

Duplicating a Data Field

Purpose

To describe the steps to duplicate data from a previous record if much of the data needs to be repeated again in a new record.

Copying a Data Field Value from the Previous Record

- 1. Enter a new record or query an existing record in a window.
- 2. Click **File** \prod **New Record** from the Main Menu Bar to insert a new record after the existing record.
- 3. Navigate to the data field whose value you want to duplicate in the new record.
- 4. Click **Edit** \prod **Duplicate Field Above** from the Main Menu Bar to copy the data field value from the previous record to the current record.

Copying All Data Field Values from the Previous Record

- 1. Enter a new record or query an existing record into your form.
- 2. Click **File** \prod **New Record** from the Main Menu Bar to insert a new record after the existing record.
- 3. Click **Edit ☐ Duplicate Record Above** from the Main Menu Bar to copy all data field values from the previous record to the current record.



Note: The **Duplicate Record Above** menu item will not duplicate data fields that must be unique.

When Not Applicable

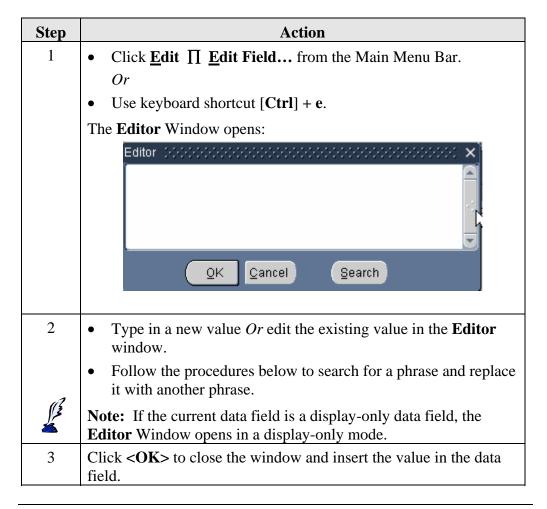
The **Duplicate Field Above** and **Duplicate Record Above** menu items are not available if there is no previous record (for example, if you are on the first record of a block).

Editing a Data Field Using the Editor Window

Purpose

To provide the steps to view, enter, or update the contents of a text data field by using the **Editor** window. Using this window is not necessary, but it can be useful for doing a search and replace in a data field that contains a lot of text.

Using the Editor Window



Editing a Data Field Using the Editor Window, Continued

Searching and Replacing Text

Follow the procedures below to search for a phrase within the text of the data field. If you choose, you can also replace the piece of text with another piece of text.

Step	Action				
1	• Click Edit ∏ Edit Field from the Main Menu Bar. OR				
	• Use keyboard shortcut [Ctrl] + e.				
	The Editor window opens.				
2	Click Search> in the Editor window to open a Search/Replace window:				
	Search/Replace 555555555555555555555555555555555555				
	Replace with:				
	Cancel Search Replace All				
3	Type a value in the <i>Search for</i> data field. If you want to replace that value with another value, type the new value in the <i>Replace With</i> data field.				
4	• Click Search > to search for the value. Or				
	Click Replace > to search for the value and replace the <u>first</u> <u>occurrence</u> with the new value. Or				
	Click Replace All> to search for the value and replace <u>all occurrences</u> with the new value.				
5	When you are satisfied with the value in the Editor window, click <ok></ok> to close the window and insert the value in the data field.				

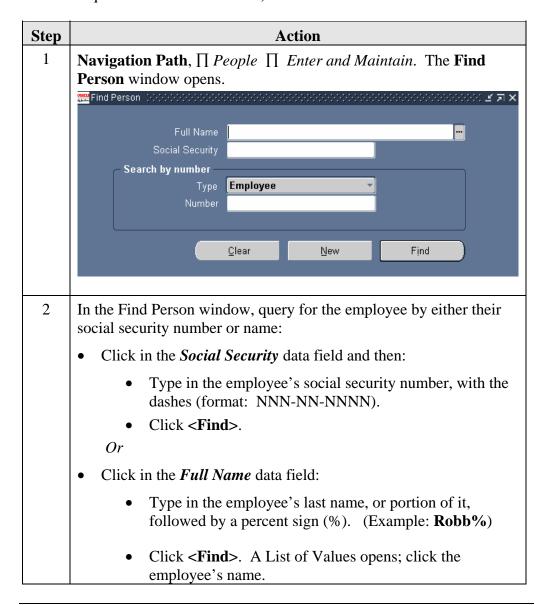
Direct Data Updates

Purpose

After an employee is on board, you can update the database to add new information or change existing information. If an SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, or a Request for Personnel Action (RPA) is **not** required, you can perform a direct data element update to the database.

Updating a Direct Data Element

Follow the procedures below to update information in the database when no SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, is required (if a SF-50 is required, use the Request for Personnel Action).



Direct Data Updates, Continued

Updating a Direct Data Element (continued)

Step	Action				
3	The People window (employee's record) opens. If the effective date of the data change is not the current date, click the Alter Effective Date icon on the Toolbar				
4	Navigate to the data field to be updated by clicking on the appropriate Taskflow Button at the bottom of the window, and then any subsequent Taskflow Buttons and list windows.				
	If you navigate to a list of categories in a window that has a <i>Details</i> field at the bottom of the window:				
	 Scroll through the list of categories. If all are not in view, click the "down" arrow to the left of the category or press [Page Down] or [Page Up] on your keyboard to scroll down or up through the list. 				
	 Click the appropriate category. 				
	• Click in the <i>Details</i> field at the bottom of the window.				
5	Click the data field you need to update and edit the data field as required. Use the LOV within the window as necessary.				
6	Click the Save button on the Toolbar to save the change to the database.				
7	If you are changing existing data, an Option window will display asking you to select <update></update> or <correction></correction> :				
	• Click Update to change the record as of the effective date you specify. When you update a record, all previous information is preserved and can be viewed in history.				
	• Click Correction if the previous data is incorrect. The new information will override the previous information back to the date that the error occurred.				
8	The Message Line will indicate that your transaction has completed and has been applied and saved to the database.				

Saving Your Work

Purpose

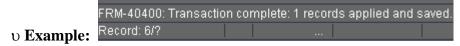
To update the DCPDS, you need to save all data that you enter, edit, or delete.

Saving your work is sometimes referred to as "committing a change" or "transaction".

In many cases, the DCPDS will prompt you to save your work before proceeding.

Edits for Correct Data Entry: "Validation" When you click *Save*, the DCPDS checks your work ("validates" it) against certain built-in edits, to ensure the values or combination of values entered meet HR Federal and DoD business rules.

If your work meets the edit criteria, a Message Window and the Message Line notifies you that your work will be saved to the database.



If any of the data you enter is invalid (i.e., does not meet required business rule edits) or if required data is missing, an error message opens describing the problem to you.







Caution: If you receive an error message, your data **will <u>not</u> be saved** to the database. You need to correct the problem and try the save again.

Saving Your Work

Use the following methods to save your work.

То:	On the Main Menu Bar Click	Or On the Toolbar Click	Or Use the Keyboard Shortcut
Save your work and enter a new transaction	File $\prod Save$ or File $\prod Save$ and Proceed		Ctrl + S

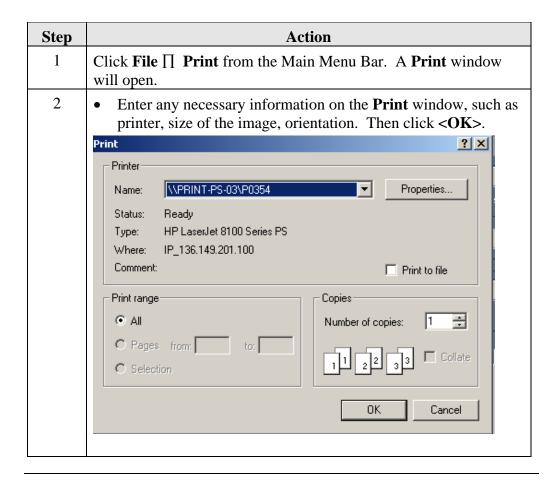
Printing a Window

Purpose

You can print an image of the current window at any time.

How to Print a Window

To print a current window:



Attaching a Document

Purpose

This section guides you through the steps to attach, view, print, and delete an attachment to a record.

Before You Begin

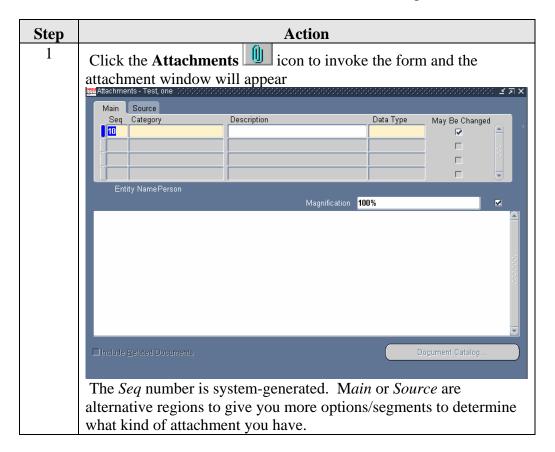
- Supporting documentation is sometimes required with an RPA, Position, People, Activity, or other record. You can attach short comments, word documents, images, OLE objects, or Web pages to many records. For example, you can attach a position description to a position record.
- When the Attachments button is enabled, it becomes a solid paper clip holding a paper when the current record has at least one attachment.



• Each record can have one or more attachments and you can copy attachments from one record to another. You can store the attachments in the database or in your file system in the Document Catalog.

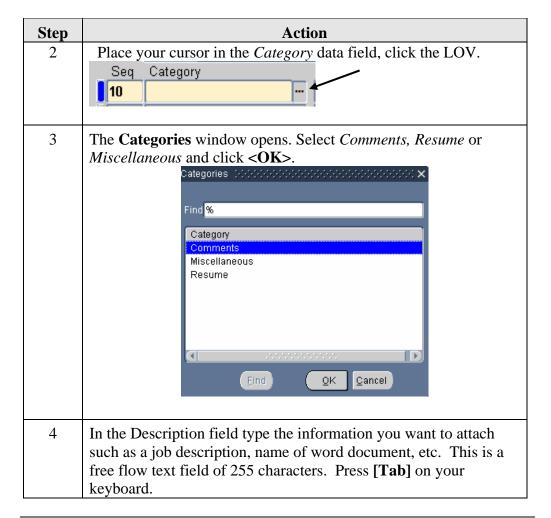
Attaching a Document

While in a Form and wish to attach a document follow the steps listed below



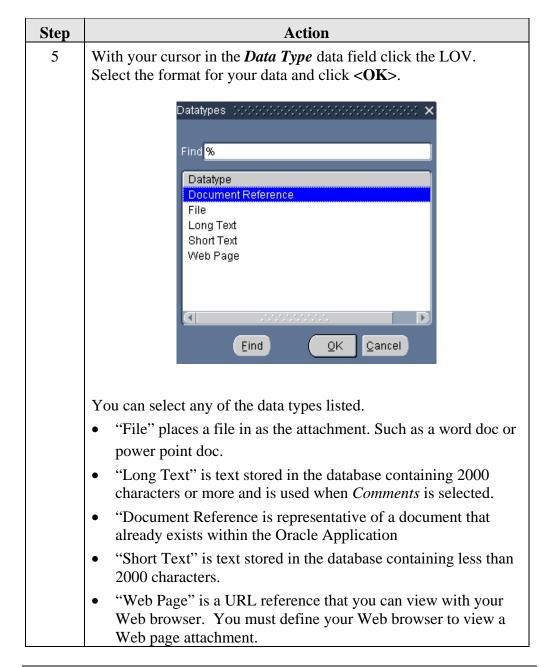
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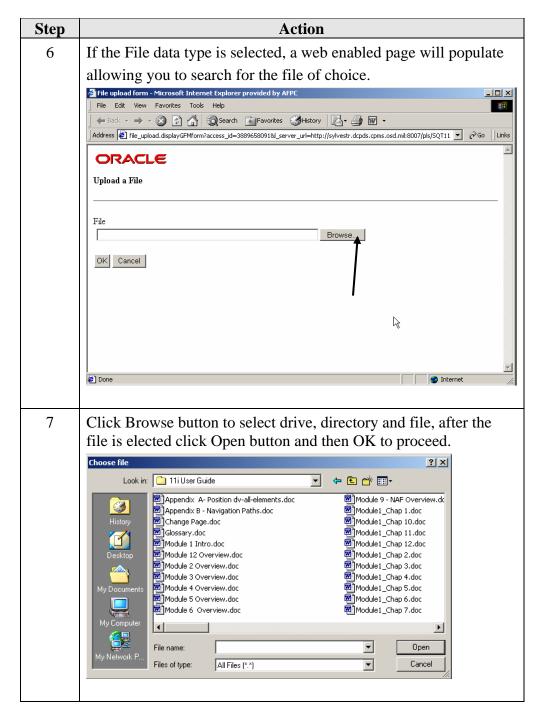
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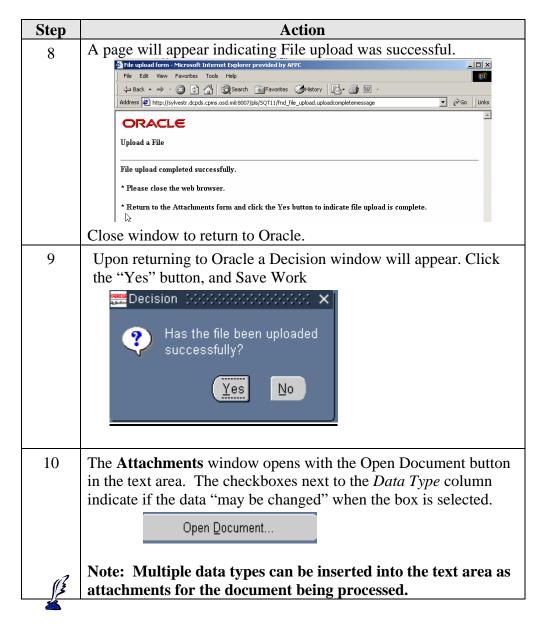
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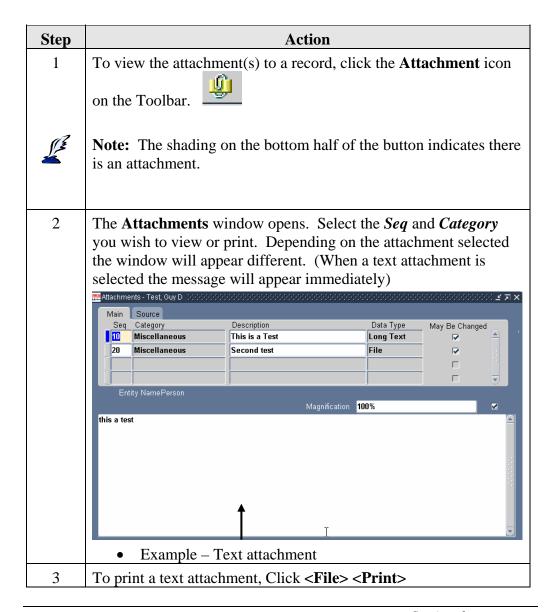
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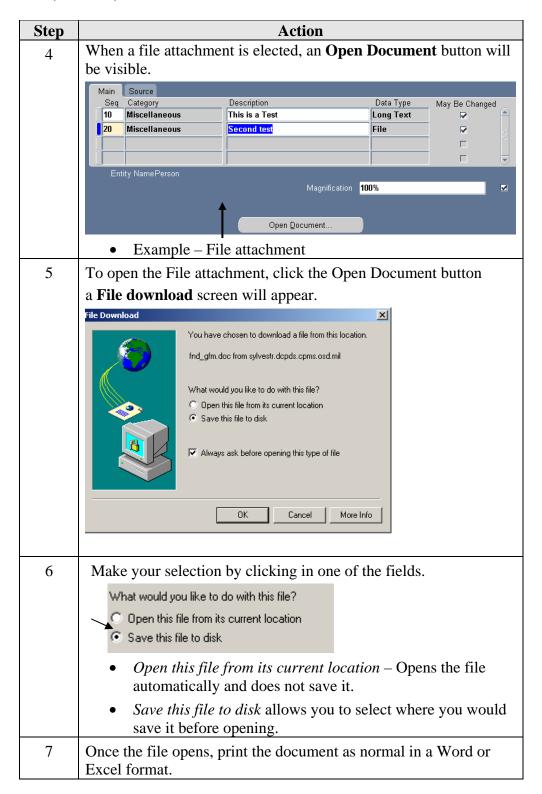
Viewing and Printing the Attachment

Viewing and Printing



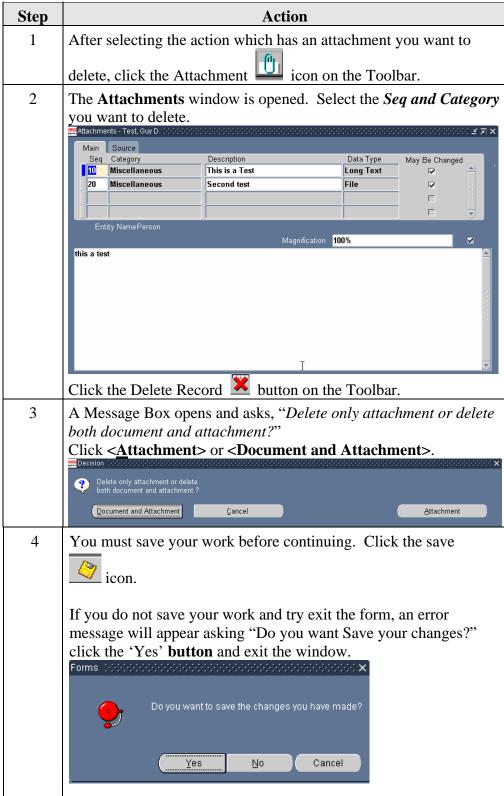
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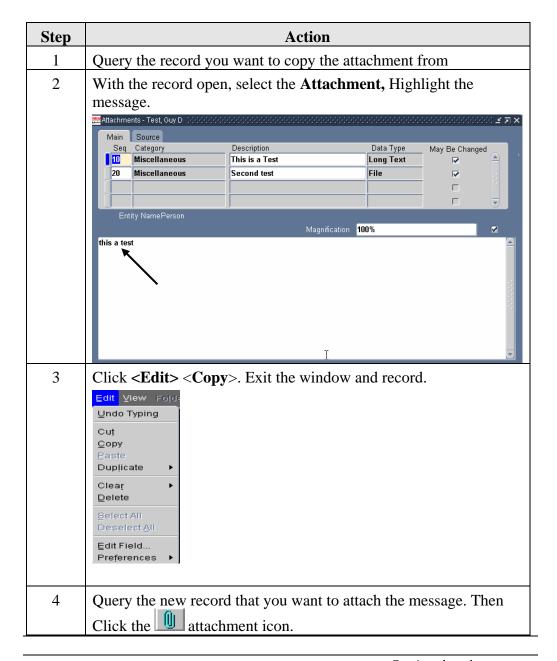
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Copying an Attachment from Another Record

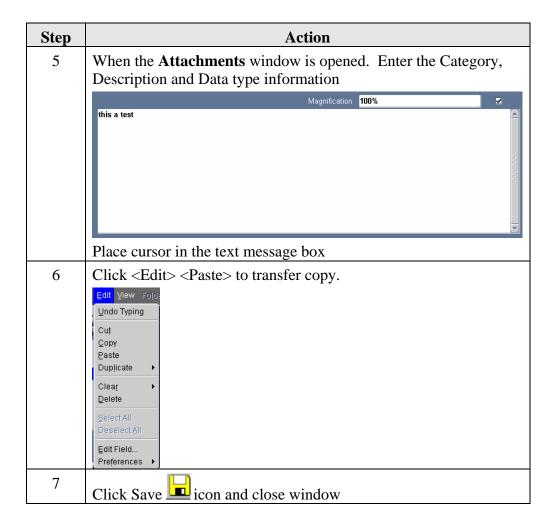
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